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**CITY OF HUDSON  
PARK BOARD MEETING  
TUESDAY, JANUARY 7, 2020 5:30 P.M.  
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS, HUDSON, WI**

1. Discussion and possible Action on the December 10, 2019 Park Board Meeting Minutes
2. Comments from citizens present
3. New Business:
4. Unfinished Business:
  - a. Outdoor Recreation Plan – Needs assessment
  - b. Vine Street Square Signage
5. Project Update:
  - a. Discussion on Anderson Park open house comments
6. Items for Future Agendas
7. Adjourn

Pat Casanova  
Chairman

Posted on website 1-3-2020 and posted in lobbies 1-32-2020

Notice is hereby given that a majority of the City Council may be present at this meeting to gather information about a subject over which they have decision-making responsibility. This constitutes a meeting of the City Council pursuant to State ex rel. Badke v. Greendale Village BD, 173 Wis. 2d 553, 494 N.W. 2d 408 (1993) and must be noticed as such, although the Council will not take any formal action at this meeting.

CITY OF HUDSON PARK BOARD MEETING  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 505 THIRD STREET  
DECEMBER 10, 2019

MEMBERS PRESENT Pat Casanova, Paul Deziel, Pam Brokaw, Dan Korum, Mike Kennedy,

ABSENT: Karen Stankevitz

OTHERS PRESENT Michael Mroz, Deanne DeGraff, John DeGraff, Collin Mueller, Corey Breault, Harvey Chichester, Jeffrey Ruhuk, Dennis Kroll

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Casanova at 5:30 p.m.

CONSIDERATION OF PARK BOARD MEETING MINUTES MOTION by Brokaw second by Deziel to approve the November 5, 2019 Park Board meeting minutes. MOTION CARRIED.

COMMENTS AND SUGGESTIONS FROM CITIZENS PRESENT Dennis Kroll commented on the change in the overall city parking system and how it will affect the majority of sailboat mooring holders for parking. Mroz stated the parking utility is regulated by the Common Council and recommends he present his concerns at a future Council meeting.

Kroll mentioned the Waterfront Vision Plan and requested a copy. Mroz stated the plan is incorporated into the Comprehensive Plan and improvements will be identified over a ten to twenty-year time frame. Mroz stated improvements to the boat launch is the number one priority in efforts to allow better access to the river during high water times.

NEW BUSINESS:

SCOREBOARD INSTALLATION REQUEST AT GRANDVIEW PARK BY THE HUDSON BOOSTERS Mroz stated the Hudson Boosters Board authorized up to \$20,000 towards the purchase and installation of up to four scoreboards for the Grandview Park fields.

Corey Breault, Hudson Boosters, provided the dimensions, specifications and locations of the proposed scoreboards boards that would be placed at the Grandview Park fields.

MOTION by Deziel, second by Korum to approve the Hudson Boosters to install four scoreboards at Grandview Park. MOTION CARRIED.

2020 PARK USER FEES Mroz referred to The 2019 summary of park reservations noting heavy use of the pavilions at Prospect Park and Weitkamp Park from May through October. Brokaw mentioned the parking system for downtown that includes Saturdays and is suggesting information be added to the Lakefront Park reservation policy. Deziel recommends that a fee for reserving space at the new Grandview Park facility be implemented.

MOTION by Deziel, second by Brokaw to recommend approval of the 2020 Park user fees as presented. MOTION CARRIED.

2020 BOAT MOORING POLICY & FEES Collin Mueller, St Croix Sailing School, is asking the city to consider a change to policy that would allow 501C(3) nonprofit organizations to apply for

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a mooring spot. Mroz stated the current ordinance stated the moorings to be used for personal use only therefore any change in the ordinance would require review by the City Attorney in addition to a possible change to the mooring permit. Mroz stated he would add this to a future Park Board meeting for further discussion.

Mroz recommends the annual mooring fee remain at \$560.00 per season. Noted the fee has not been changed since 2009.

Mroz noted a few minor changes to the policy that included the process for vacating a spot which allows the city to utilize the alternate list. It is recommended that once the alternate list is expired that the spot would remain open for the remainder of the season. It is also suggested that section 13 be removed from the policy which states the moorer must notify the city by June 1<sup>st</sup> as to the reason their sailboat is not on the mooring. The overall Board agreed to the recommended changes.

MOTION by Deziel, second by Kennedy to recommend approval of the changes to the mooring policy contingent on approval by the City Attorney and to approve the annual mooring fee for 2020 at \$560.00. MOTION CARRIED.

PROJECT UPDATE:

ANDERSON PARK – PROPOSED PICKLEBALL COURTS Mroz stated the City Council requested staff to inform the property owners in the vicinity of Anderson Park on the proposed dedication of green space to construct six permanent pickleball courts.

Mroz stated residents in the area have reached out since the mailing to voice concerns on the removal of green space at the park and the ongoing parking problems on River Ridge Road and Mont Croix.

Mroz recommends holding an open house prior to the Park Board meeting on Tuesday, January 7, 2020 beginning at 4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

OUTDOOR RECREATION PLAN – NEEDS ASSESSMENT Mroz presented to the Board the projects identified in the current five year Outdoor Recreation Plan. He noted the 2021-2025 Outdoor Recreation Plan will be updated including the costs associated with the projects.

Mroz provided the proposed improvements for the following parks:

Williams Park – Noted the proposed improvements include restrooms and a pavilion, with parking proposed for 8<sup>th</sup> Street. It was recommended lighting be included in the future needs.

Weitkamp Park Mroz stated the list of improvements for Weitkamp includes a community center. It was recommended removing the restrooms, playground upgrades and pickle ball courts from the future improvements. Casanova stated the restroom/pavilion currently at Weitkamp has the capability of converting into a warming house. It was suggested ice rinks be included in the future improvements.

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WEBSTER PARK Mroz stated Webster Park is primarily green space. The overall Board suggested adding signage and picnic tables, and off street parking.

VINE STREET SQUARE Mroz stated Vine Street Square is primarily used as the sledding hill. The Board suggested signing NO PARKING on Vine Street and add more lighting and signage noting the park hours and safety rules. Discussion continued on signage and the city's liability. Mroz stated he would discuss signage and liability with the City Attorney.

PROSPECT PARK Mroz stated the proposed improvements for Prospect Park was based on a design donated several years back by Mark Putman. Casanova stated the improvements include restroom upgrades to the lower part of the park and new restrooms on the top near the trail access. He commented on the cistern development and the history. The overall Board recommends the 3<sup>rd</sup> Street access be added for future consideration.

The Board discussed the need to install security cameras in the park and suggests engaging with the schools and recreational organizations to discuss the needs. Mroz stated the city Comprehensive Plan will hold two more public meetings to gain input including focus on the overall city land use. He noted a public survey is available on the city website.

MOTION by Deziel, second by Kennedy to adjourn the meeting. 6:50 p.m. MOTION CARRIED.

Submitted by,

Deb Andrews  
Acting Secretary





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**TO:** Park Board

**FROM:** Michael Mroz; Parks & Public Works Director

**DATE:** January 3, 2020

**SUBJECT:** Discussion on the Outdoor Recreation Plan

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**BACKGROUND:**

Park Board is tasked to identify projects currently in the Capital Improvement plan and determine whether to include these in the 2021-2025 Outdoor Recreation Plan. At this time costs should not be taken into consideration. Staff will provide the opportunity to add additional amenities for each park that are not currently listed in the CIP.

**Anderson Park**

*Proposed Improvement*

- a) Resurface BBall Court
- b) Resurface Tennis Court
- c) Playground Upgrades
- d) Other:

**Grandview Park**

*Proposed Improvements*

- a) Restrooms
- b) Shade Structure/Pavilion
- c) Playground Upgrades
- d) Other:

**Birkmose Park**

*Proposed Improvement*

- a) Trail Improvements
- b) Other:

**Hudson Meadows**

*Proposed improvements*

- a) None Identified
- b) Other:

**Burton Park**

*Proposed Improvements*

- a) Permanent Hockey Boards
- b) Upgrade Ball Fields
- c) Remove Fencing
- d) Remove Wooden Poles
- e) LED Lighting
- f) Landscaping
- g) Other:

**5 YEAR PARK CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN  
2016 THROUGH 2020**

PARK	COSTS/BRIEF DESCRIPTION	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
<b>ANDERSON PARK</b>						
Resurface tennis court/pickle court	Donation - striping of both sports	\$ 7,000.00				
Resurface bball court				\$ 10,000.00		
Walking Trail improvements-seal		\$ 5,000.00				
Restroom Construction	Donation	\$ 75,000.00				
Playground upgrades						
Shade Structure	Donation	\$ 30,000.00				\$ 50,000.00
<b>BIRKMOSE</b>						
Trail improvements			\$ 10,000.00			
Wildflower plantings on hillside		\$ 1,000.00		\$ 1,000.00		
<b>BURTON PARK</b>						
Hockey Board upgrades	New					\$ 25,000.00
Upgrade ball fields	Grading					\$ 15,000.00
Remove fencing						\$ 2,500.00
Remove wooden poles						\$ 2,000.00
Landscaping/Green space						\$ 10,000.00
LED Lighting upgrades				\$ 20,000.00		
<b>COONS HILL</b>						
<b>GRANDVIEW</b>						
Restrooms near playground						
Shade structure/pavillion						\$ 250,000.00
Playground upgrades				\$ 150,000.00		
<b>HUDSON MEADOWS</b>						
<b>LAKEFRONT PARK</b>						
Walnut Street Bridge Repairs				\$ 450,000.00		
Rip Rap Picnic Point				\$ 50,000.00	X	
Shower-foot wash beach house			\$ 5,000.00			
Entrance to Dike Road						\$ 100,000.00
Buckeye Sidewalk upgrades		\$ 1,000.00				
Relocation of playground		\$ 15,000.00				
Parking lot improvements	St croix Street & Trail			\$ 30,000.00		
Mooring access stairs					\$ 75,000.00	
Decorative Lighting picnic point				\$ 150,000.00		
Land acquisition	North end		\$ 250,000.00			
Canoe/kayak/paddle board access			\$ 10,000.00			
Benches along the trail			\$ 10,000.00			
Tables along the trail			\$ 5,000.00			
Extension of the trail to North Hudson			\$ 40,000.00			

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<b>LAKEFRONT PARK (continued)</b>						
Shoreline enhancements		\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00
Buckeye Garage - NEW facility						\$ 1,000,000.00
Exercise equipment along the trail	Donated Fitness System			\$ 100,000.00		
Fishing Pier(s)					\$ 250,000.00	
Dike Road pavilion & restrooms						\$ 500,000.00
Shade structure	North end of Trail St Croix Street			\$ 40,000.00		
Storage Building	North end of Trail St Croix Street			\$ 250,000.00		
Development Park Master Plan		\$ 5,000.00				
Pickle Ball Courts					\$ 25,000.00	
<b>PROSPECT PARK</b>						
Restrooms - Upper park section					\$ 250,000.00	
Restrooms - Lower						\$ 100,000.00
Cistern Development						\$ 500,000.00
Trail Lighting				\$ 100,000.00		
Gazebo/wedding						\$ 25,000.00
Playground upgrades						\$ 150,000.00
Develop Bike Trail - natural			\$ 40,000.00			
Walking trails			\$ 10,000.00			
Dog Park	water, portable toilets, fencing		\$ 20,000.00			
<b>VINE STREET SQUARE</b>						
<b>WEBSTER</b>						
<b>WEITKAMP PARK</b>						
Community Center						\$ 400,000.00
Restrooms						\$ 175,000.00
Trails				\$ 50,000.00		
Playground upgrades		\$ 150,000.00				
Splash Pad			\$ 400,000.00			
Playground upgrades					\$ 10,000.00	
Pickle Ball Courts			\$ 75,000.00			
<b>WILLIAMS PARK</b>						
Restrooms upgrades			\$ 250,000.00			
Restroom doors		\$ 5,000.00				
Pavilion for rental & parking			\$ 200,000.00			
Playground upgrades						\$ 20,000.00
Pavilion/shade structure			\$ 35,000.00			
Additional parking						\$ 40,000.00





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**TO:** Park Board

**FROM:** Michael Mroz; Parks & Public Works Director

**DATE:** January 3, 2020

**SUBJECT:** Update on Vine St. Square Signage

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**BACKGROUND:**

At the December Park Board meeting, committee members directed staff to contact the city attorney regarding the absence of any signage at Vine St. Square and the effects on the City's recreational immunity defense.

Matt Becker, CEO at League Insurance had the following information:

*In a situation like this the placement of signage would have no effect on recreational immunity defense so it would really be up to the city if they thought it was in the best interests of their citizens. Regarding negligence, it would only be malicious if the city knew of a danger that the public would not be able to recognize or if the city created the danger itself to harm people using the sledding hill. For example, digging a pit in the middle of the hill so users would get injured and no longer wish to use the hill if they wanted to restrict use.*

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends not placing a sign at Vine St Square, as there is no benefit to the City or the citizens.





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**TO:** Park Board

**FROM:** Michael Mroz; Parks & Public Works Director

**DATE:** January 3, 2020

**SUBJECT:** Discussion on Anderson Park Open House Comments

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**BACKGROUND:**

Council member Morrisette directed staff to host an open house on the potential addition of pickleball courts to Anderson Park. The open house is scheduled for Tuesday, January 7<sup>th</sup> from 4:30-5:30.

Invitations were sent out to adjacent residents to attend and express their comments and/or concerns.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION:**

Discuss the comments received by residents at the open house and make adjustments to the park layout, if needed.



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December 17, 2019

**RE: Proposed Anderson Park Pickleball Courts**

Dear Resident:

Based upon the comments and concerns received from the letter dated November 20, 2019, City Staff will be hosting an open house on **January 7<sup>th</sup> from 4:30-5:30** to further detail the project and answer any questions you may have. The open house will be held at Hudson City Hall in the Council Chambers.

***Property owners of multi residential units, please notify your tenants of this meeting as their feedback is vital in these discussions.***

For reference, at the November 2019 Park Board meeting, the Hudson Community Pickleball Association (HPCA) made a formal request to utilize green space at Anderson Park, due east of the existing tennis courts. The request coincides with the 2015-2020 Outdoor Recreation Plan for Anderson Park, therefore Park Board recommend approval to Common Council.

Prior to final approval, Common Council directed staff to contact adjacent residents and collect feedback about the proposed project.

A point of emphasis from Council for the Anderson Park area is the on-going problems with parking along River Ridge Road and Mont Croix. Dr. Therefore, to alleviate the congestion, diagonal, off-street parking along River Ridge Road will be constructed in conjunction with the Pickleball Courts in order to get cars off the street.

If you have any further questions or concerns prior to the open house call 715-716-5746 or email [mmroz@hudsonwi.gov](mailto:mmroz@hudsonwi.gov).

Final discussion and pending approval are set for the January 20<sup>th</sup> Common Council meeting.

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